From-MARTIN&FERRAROLLP

Application No. 09/991,579 Amendment dated September 10, 2004

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REMARKS

Applicant added new claims 188-194 to provoke an interference with U.S. Application No. 10/246,995 (Publication No. 2004/0059339) to Floehm, III et al. under 37 C.F.R. § 1.604. Claims 188-194 are supported by the specification at least on page 31, lines 19-21; page 64, line 5 to page 65, line 19; and page 66, lines 13-17; and Figs. 33, 34, and 36.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted,

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